

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—Jan. 3, 1870.—For the Middle States rising barometric, and northwest winds, clear and clearing weather.

GERMAN BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.—The German Co-operative Building Association No. 2, held its annual meeting last night with Robert Potter, President and Justus Schaefer, Secretary.

The report of the Secretary, examined and endorsed by the Trustees, was read and adopted. It shows a highly satisfactory condition of the affairs of the association.

The following were then elected officers:—Robert Potter, President; Justus Schaefer, Secretary; Lewis Seitz, Treasurer; Geo. Wize, Park Brown and Joseph Kaufman, Trustees; Isaac Eichberg and E. P. Dowdham, Directors for three years.

Five thousand dollars, amounting to \$2,000 were paid at a discount of 21 per cent., and the meeting adjourned.

The committee appointed by the German Co-operative Building Association No. 3, met immediately after the adjournment of the above meeting and adopted a constitution and by-laws, which will be submitted to the shareholders at a meeting, to be held next Tuesday night.

THE RIVER.—The almost unrepresented cold winter of last night, and to day has had the effect of completely closing navigation. The steamship H. C. Knight of the New York Line succeeded in reaching Georgetown last evening before the ice was commenced.

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SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.

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ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR.

AUGUSTA, Ga., January 3.—The House having chosen the names of Capt. L. Smith and Alonzo Gardner as candidates to be sent to the Senate for Governor, in the Senate a committee of three was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Governor. They reported as follows:—In the whole number of votes cast, 31; necessary to elect, 16. Alonzo Gardner had 21 and Joseph L. Smith had 10. Every republican Senator voted for Alonzo Gardner. The President then declared that Alonzo Gardner of Louisiana had been elected Governor for the current calendar year.

Snow and Thaw.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A Dundee correspondent writing last night says: "A fresh snow storm has commenced in Scotland. It is falling heavily and it is likely that there will be a renewal of the railway blockade in the North. The frost is as keen as ever and the piercing cold, all outdoor labor which had been partially resuspended has again been interrupted." The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "There is a continual rise in consequence of the rapid thaw, the Rhone, Saone and Loire being among the rivers principally affected. The Alps have overflowed its banks in the direction of Roger."

COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3.—The State legislature completed its organization yesterday. Hon. James P. Maxwell, of Boulder, was elected president pro tem of the Senate, and R. S. Steele, of Boulder, was chosen Speaker of the House. The Governor's message will be submitted to day.

No developments have been made in the case of the robbery at the governor's printing office yesterday. It is understood that if the robbery had been perpetrated a hour earlier the thief would have secured twenty, instead of ten thousand dollars. The latter sum seems to be a lucky one with the West Indians.

Judge Orr, of the District Court, is to retire under the law allowing judges to retire on a pension after ten years service. Judge Humphrey has not yet certified his intention of retiring, to the regret of many of the bar.

It met here to day Mr. P. H. Trout, of Fairfax County, Va., who was on his way to attend his mother's funeral in Huddington, N. J. She died on New Year's day in the ninety second year of her age, and strange to relate, in the full possession and enjoyment of all her mental and physical faculties up to the day of her death. She had eight children, all of whom survive her, and excepting those who have married into the family, she leaves nine well educated grandchildren, grand children and great grand children.

"DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER," said a lady, "has made itself popular in our kitchen. Our biscuits, cakes, waffles, muffins, and such like things with us are always enjoyable and good. We would not be without it in our family. We have used it over fifteen years, and it has never disappointed us yet."

[From Christian Union, Aug. 22, 1877.]

Even since Dr. Wm. M. Giles, of 451 Sixth avenue, extended a frank invitation to owners of lame horses to bring their equine property round to his place of business, for free treatment, the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Sixth avenue has come to resemble a horse fair. The Doctor's bold defiance, which if thus thrust upon the curious attention of his neighbors, is based on his earnest belief in his *Podalic Ammonia Liniment*, which, now preferred to others by all stock raisers and sporting men of this country.

A valuable horse of the writer's was kicked on the hock. Swelling and lameness ensued, rendering the animal nearly worthless. We were advised to try *Giles' Liniment*, and are gratified to say it acted like a charm. About two inches of hoofs came away, the sore healed up, and the lameness and swelling are fast disappearing.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, Editor.

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A FEW FINE BED BLANKETS WILL BE SOLD AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICE BY WM. M. BERKELEY.

HOP BITTERS for sale by JANNEY & CO.

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